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Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Non-Discrimination Timeline

- 1965** Michigan Air Pollution Control Commission (MAPCC) established by Air Pollution Act, Act 348 in 1965.
- 1972** MAPCC expanded to 11 members.
- 1992** Genesee Power Station Permit Application 579-92.
- October 27 First Genesee Power Station public hearing. Based on public testimony the commission voted (8-0) to extend the public comment period for the Genesee Power Station an additional three weeks and tabled action until December 1, 1992.
- December 1 Second Genesee Power Station public hearing. The Commission voted to approve (6-0) the issuance of Permit to Install for Genesee Power Station with two additional special conditions requiring Commission review of the waste procurement plan and ash testing. The effective date of the permit was delayed for 45 days.
- 1993** September 2 Executive Order 1991-31 eliminated the MAPCC and delegated its authority to the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).
- November 18 The MDNR announced a public comment period and scheduled a public hearing for the reconsideration of best available control technology for lead. The public hearing was scheduled for December 21, 1993.
- November 24 Father Schmitter requested the MDNR provide assistance for the visual and hearing impaired.
- December 7 The MDNR provided an audio cassette of the staff activity report and related attachments to Father Schmitter.
- December 21 Public hearing for the reconsideration of best available control technology for lead began at 3:00 p.m. The meeting recessed from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for dinner and testimony resumed afterward. Two interpreters for the hearing impaired were present.

1994	September 19	The MDNR announced a public comment period and scheduled a public hearing on the wood waste procurement plan proposed by Genesee Power. The public hearing was scheduled for October 20, 1994.
	October 20	The public hearing on the wood waste procurement plan proposed by Genesee Power was conducted in Flint.
1995	March 30	PA 451 of 1994 becomes effective and outlines public involvement requirements (Section 324.551).
	October 1	The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is created by Executive Order 1995-18.
2002	April 5	The MDEQ adopts MDEQ Policy and Procedure 09-007, <i>Policy on Public Involvement in Department Programs and Activities</i> .
	June 3	The MDEQ Adopts MDEQ Policy and Procedure 01-007, <i>Conflict of Interest and Ethical Standards</i> .
2003	February 21	The MDEQ amends MDEQ Policy and Procedure 09-007.
2004	August 30	The MDEQ publishes <i>Public Comment Procedures</i> .
2005	January 14	The MDEQ amends MDEQ Policy and Procedure 09-007.
2006	September 20	The MDEQ amends MDEQ Policy and Procedure 01-007.
2007	April	The MDEQ publishes, <i>A Citizen's Guide to Participation in Michigan's Air Pollution Control Program</i> .
2008	The MDEQ Publishes <i>Public Involvement Handbook A Citizens Guide</i> .	
2012	February 23	The MDEQ adopts MDEQ Policy and Procedure 09-013, <i>Department Policy and Procedure, Division Policy and Procedure, and Administrative Procedures Act Guideline Development, Revision, Rescission, and Use</i> .

2013	March – December	Dialogue meetings with Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ).
	August	The MDEQ launches “DEQ Calendar App,” which displays the location of all public meetings, public hearings, and public comment periods on a Web-enabled mapping application.
	October	The MDEQ begins reporting public involvement metrics on the MDEQ scorecard.
2014	The MDEQ, Air Quality Division (AQD), partnered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to provide 2 public workshops in Detroit, topics included.	
	September 12	Participated in Michigan Environmental Justice Summit coordinated by DWEJ.
2015	October 28	The MDEQ adopts MDEQ Policy and Procedure 09-024, <i>Nondiscrimination in Programs Receiving Federal Assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i> .
	November 6	The MDEQ issues responses to U.S. EPA requests for information dated April 10, 2015 (email) and September 2, 2015 (letter).

Ongoing Activities:

- The MDEQ AQD staff is currently participating in the University of Michigan’s National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences grant project titled Community Action to Promote Healthy Environments, focusing on addressing air quality concerns in Detroit.
- The MDEQ staff has been trained in U.S. EPA Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool.
- The MDEQ has partnered with the University of Michigan to develop a translation service for our publications.